

and helping those who did. In a supreme act of love and concern for others, many Gold Star Mothers dedicate themselves to helping the children of other mothers, children who survived war. Gold Star Mothers assist in all manner of ways. They visit veterans' hospitals to help service people there. They take part in patriotic observances that help all of us remember the sacrifices that bought our freedom. On Sunday those in the Chattanooga area are marking the observance of the day during a candlelight ceremony at VFW Post 4848 in Chattanooga.

I salute the Gold Star Mothers of the Third District, the Chattanooga area, and the Nation. All of us should be grateful that our Nation produces men and women with the courage and dedication to make the supreme sacrifice so that we might be free. We should be thankful too that our Nation has mothers whose courage and compassion help make those sacrifices worth it and—in the most special way—make sure that the memory of those who died for our country lives on.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 25, 1997, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 447 and 455.

Rollcall vote No. 447 was an amendment, by Representative ELEANOR HOLMES-NORTON, to H.R. 2267 that would strike bill language to prohibit the use of funds to perform abortions in the Federal Prison System. Let the record state, that had I been present, I would have voted against this amendment.

An amendment by Representative JOEL HEFLEY, rollcall vote No. 455, was also offered on September 25, 1997. It would reduce funding for three Economic Development Administration's trade adjustment assistance program by \$90 million. I would like to make it known I would have voted in favor of this amendment had I been present to vote.

DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 25, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2267) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes:

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Chairman, I join my colleagues from North Carolina and Maryland in strong support of the amendment to provide \$3 million to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to respond to the *Pfiesteria* threat on the east coast of the United States. I am a cosponsor of this

amendment because we in North Carolina have felt the effects of *Pfiesteria piscicida* for a number of years, through massive fish kills in the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine System and through reports of strange health effects from people who have been in and near affected waters, including skin lesions, respiratory impairment, and memory loss. Although there has been some Federal role in supporting research on *Pfiesteria* and *Pfiesteria*-like dinoflagellates in the past, the recent fish kills and reported human health effects in Virginia and Maryland related to *Pfiesteria*, and further reports of the presence of the toxic form of *Pfiesteria* from Delaware all the way to Florida, call for a broader role by the Federal Government in what is showing itself to be a regional environmental and human health problem.

Through its new, interagency Ecohab Research Program, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has the capacity to play an essential coordinating role in research efforts designed to uncover the ecological dynamics which favor the transformation of *Pfiesteria* into its toxic form. This amendment will also provide funding to affected States to initiate and extend essential efforts to monitor for *Pfiesteria* and similar organisms. Monitoring will allow researchers to quickly respond to outbreaks of *Pfiesteria* in its toxic form and gather the data which is necessary to accelerate our progress in learning more about the causes and effects of this organism.

I want to thank the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER] for taking the lead on this important issue and for his part in initiating this important amendment. I appreciate my colleagues' support for this amendment for a greater Federal role in research related to *Pfiesteria*.

TRIBUTE TO MYRON FLECK

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 1997

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Oregonian, Myron Fleck, who is retiring after 30 years with Coopers & Lybrand L.L.P. It has been my honor to call Myron a friend for the past 5 years that I have held office. He has also been a valued advisor and counseled me on numerous issues important to his profession.

Over the past 3 decades, Myron has had a distinguished career. He has been a leader in a number of professional associations, including the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Portland Estate Planning Council where he was past president to both. He has been an active member of the National Council of Farmers Cooperatives where he chaired the legal, tax, and accounting committee, as well as the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives where he led the taxation committee.

In recognition of his knowledge of the accounting profession, Myron was appointed to the Oregon State Board of Accountancy and served three terms, one as chairman. In addition, Myron's academic credentials include his tenure as adjunct professor of taxation at the Portland State University and editor of a column for the *Agricultural Journal of Taxation*.

Myron has been actively involved in his community as well. He has been a long-standing member of the Portland Rotary and serves on the finance council of the Catholic Archdiocese of Portland. He is a former trustee to Saint Mary's Academy High School.

As a partner at Coopers & Lybrand, Myron has advised clients in a variety of industries with special emphasis on tax services to cooperatives and bank holding companies. He retires as the partner-in-charge of the Portland office tax practice, as well as his firm's northwest regional tax partner-in-charge.

Myron has had a productive and full career. He has given back much to his profession and his community, and I am pleased to have had his views and advice. I hope that Myron enjoys a long and rewarding retirement.

Please join me in wishing Myron well.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1998

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 1997

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2378) making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain independent agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes:

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to speak out against an increase in pay for Members of Congress.

The Federal Government is still spending more than it takes in. Despite the fact that we have passed the historic balanced budget bill which will balance the budget by 2002, until that date, we are still adding to the national debt that we will pass on to the next generation of Americans. I believe to allow a pay raise for Members of Congress at this point in time is not the responsible thing to do.

Congress should not be increasing its pay while we have such a large national debt, especially when we are adding to that debt every day. This is one reason I am cosponsoring H.R. 632, the Balance the Budget First Act of 1997, introduced by Congressman JON CHRISTENSEN. This legislation not only repeals the automatic pay increase for Members of Congress, but it also expresses the sense of the Congress that pay of Members of Congress should not be increased until the Federal budget has been balanced.

I appreciate that under current law, the pay increase for Members of Congress is tied to the pay increase for the Federal judiciary. That is why I am an original cosponsor of H.R. 2517, introduced by my colleague from Alabama, Congressman BOB RILEY. This legislation, like H.R. 632, would eliminate the automatic pay increase only for Members of Congress, not for members of the Federal judiciary.

I hope that we will have the good sense to listen to the American people and prevent this pay increase for Members of Congress.